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FOR RADM BIGLEY FROM AMBASSADOR SCOTES

1. NOW THAT WE HAVE RECOVERED FROM THE BUSY DAYS WHICH MARKED YOUR LATEST VISIT TO NORTH YEMEN I WISH TO TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK YOU AND YOUR MEN FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY HERE THROUGH OPERATION GROCERIES, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SANTA CLAUS CAPER. WHILE YOU AND I WERE BUSILY CARRYING OUT OUR OFFICIAL VISITS, ATTENDING DINNERS, AND DRIVING THROUGH YEMEN'S CRAGGY MOUNTAINS, THE MEN ABOARD THE USS LASALLE WERE BUSILY OFFLOADING QUITE A FEW TONS OF MEAT AND BEVERAGES FOR THEIR FELLOW AMERICANS HERE IN SANA.

2. NO SOONER HAD YOU DEPARTED THEN PHASE TWO OF OPERATION GROCERIES COMMENCED. I.E. OPERATION DISTRIBUTION. THAT WENT EXTREMELY WELL AND WAS CONCLUDED EARLY IN THE WEEKEND IN TIME FOR PHASE THREE, OPERATION GLUT. EVERY MEMBER OF MY STAFF REPORTED TO WORK ON SATURDAY AT LEAST FIVE POUNDS HEAVIER--ALL PRIME BEEF.

3. THE INTENT OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE FOR YOUR KIND ASSISTANCE AND THE ASSISTANCE OF YOUR STAFF IN PROVIDING THESE SCARCE ITEMS. NOW
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THAT I SEE JUST HOW GORGED AND COMPLACENT MY STAFF

HAVE BECOME, HOWEVER, I'M NOT SURE BUT WHAT THIS
HASN'T BEEN A MIXED BLESSING. LEST I DEVIATE TOO
FAR TOWARD LEVITY, LET ME AGAIN THANK YOU AND EVERYONE
ELSE INVOLVED FOR THIS TREMENDOUS BOOST TO THE MORALE
AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING -- OF EVERYONE HERE IN AMERICAN
EMBASSY SANA.
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